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MEMORANDUM THRU COMMANDER, U.S. STATES CENTRAL COMMAND
FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Counterinsurgency (COIN) Qualification Standards for Afghanistan

To comply with your memorandum, subject: Implementing Counterinsurgency (COIN) Training Guidance to Support Execution of the President's Afghanistan-Pakistan Strategy, dated May 24, 2010, I am notifying you that ISAF has completed the COIN qualification standards for Afghanistan. At enclosure 1 is a summary of the qualification standards. At enclosure 2 are the full qualification standards for both individuals and units.

I want to note that the support provided by the Joint Center for International Security Force Assistance (JCISFA), Ft Leavenworth, greatly aided in the completion of this requirement. Without JCISFA's assistance, this project could not have been completed as quickly and as successfully.

Knowledge and information acquired through completion of the qualification standards have enabled both units and individuals to operate more effectively in the Afghanistan COIN environment. As a result, commanders have better capacity and capability to fight the counterinsurgency. As the campaign progresses, and as new requirements emerge, I expect the COIN qualification standards to evolve as well.

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Very respectfully,

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Encl (1): COIN Qualification Standards for Afghanistan Summary
Encl (2): COIN Qualification Standards for Afghanistan